Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—Yes; to continue to work it as a Government concern.

Government Depots.

403. **Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to place on the Table a statement showing:—

(a) the location of Government depots in the State for the sale of timber;

(b) the quantity of the timber sold in each depot in the year 1103;

(c) the average sale price per cubic foot or candy of each variety of timber in each of the depots in the year 1103;

(d) whether the sales were conducted by auction or private contract or by both in the year 1103;

(e) if the sale has been effected by auction as well as by private contract, the quantity sold and the price obtained by each method of sale in the year 1103?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—(a) Ernakulam and Chalakkudi.

(b) *Ernakulam.*

577=5=15=13 candies.

Chalakkudi.

8259=7=5=4½ candies.

(c) A statement containing the information asked for is placed on the Council Table.

(d) By auction, private contract and by tender.

(e) *By private sales.*

Cds. 2427=8=7=4; Rs. 34,717=10=1.

By auction.

Cds. 1620=13=21=8½; Rs. 13,122=12=3.

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Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—(a), (b), (c), (d) and (e): Vide answers to question No. 403.

Article in the Lokaprakasam regarding certain appointments.

405. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—(a) Has the attention of the Government been drawn to the article on Cochin Legislative Council published in the 'Lokaprakasam' dated 3rd September 1928, and if so, will they be pleased to state how the appointments referred to in (1), (2) and (3) of 3rd para came to be made in supersession of the claims of other legitimate claimants;

(b) the principle observed in granting extensions to officers in service after reaching the period of retirement and why the persons referred to in para 4 of that article were not granted extensions?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(a) Yes. The appointments referred to came to be made in the interests of service.

(b) vide article 201 C. S. R.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The latter part of sub-division (b) of my question has not been answered.

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—I have answered it. The reason stated is that it is done under Article 201. Under this the Diwan considers it in the interests of Government that it is not necessary to retain him; he is to retire under Article 201.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—So with regard to the latter part of my question, am I to understand that it was not considered necessary?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—That is clear.

Economic Development Board.

406. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—In answer to question No. 10 of the Special Session it is said that an amount of Rs. 2,975 was spent by the Development Board on Experiments. Will the Government be pleased to state what all experiments were conducted with the names of individuals who conducted them and the result of each and the amount spent on each experiment?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—The expenditure of Rs. 2,975 includes the following item:—

1. Stipends of candidates sent for training in Bee keeping and Poultry farming. Rs. 109—0—0.
2. T. A. of the candidates Rs. 43—15—0.
3. Purchase of Bee-hives and experimenting with them Rs. 111—0—0.

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